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Dear Mr. Bourdon:

This letter is to provide you with some information regarding a proposed parking area in the Escondido Beach area. As I mentioned over the phone, the underlying fee-owners of the "Chiate/Wildman easement" at 27910 Pacific Coast Highway have proposed to construct five off-street parking spaces and to provide legal, safe access to the beach. This lot is being proposed in lieu of development of the Chiate/Wildman easement which is held by the Conservancy.

Although the parking site is on the inland side of PCH, beach goers will be able to access the beach by walking down a path and then going underneath the creek bridge, as many local residents in the area currently do. Please see the attached map. Securing any necessary easements or permits and constructing the pathway will be part of the proposal.

The purpose of this parking area is to serve the Escondido Creek accessway, owned and operated Los Angeles County. At the present time, there is no parking at this site because of lack of space and parking restrictions. The improvements will be minimal. There will be no restrooms, trash cans, etc., and maintenance costs are expected to be extremely low. Once construction has been completed, the parking area and walkway would be conveyed to the County or to whomever manages the area.

This proposal is further discussed in the attached letter from Jonathan Horne who represents the underlying fee-owners of the easement. After you have had a chance to review the map and letter, the Conservancy would like to further discuss the possibility of the County assuming operation and maintenance of the parking lot and the connecting walkway. As you probably realize, securing an agency that will perform the operation and maintenance of this accessway is a critical element of this proposal. Please contact me at 415-464-0753 to further discuss this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Buxton".

Brenda Buxton
Project Manager

Enclosures